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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (PARA 1 LINES 7 AND 10, CONTRACTS)

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SUBJECT: URANIUM ENRICHMENT CONTRACTS FOR IRAN

REF: STATE 139702

1. WE WILL WANT SIGNING OF NUCLEAR FUEL CONTRACTS HANDLED
IN LOW-KEY, ROUTINE FASHION. AEC, THEREFORE, WILL ISSUE
FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE JUNE 30 WHICH IS STANDARD ON SUCH
OCCASIONS:

QTE. AEC SIGNS CONDITIONAL URANIUM ENRICHMENT CONTRACTSWITH
IRAN.

THE AEC TODAY SIGNED PROVISIONAL CONTRACTS WITH
IRAN TO ENRICH URANIUM FOR USE AS FUEL IN TWO NUCLEAR
POWER PLANTS.

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONTRACTS IS CONDITIONAL UPON THE SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION UNDER WHICH IRAN WILL BE ALLOWED TO BUY REACTORS, COMPONENTS AND FUEL FROM U.S. SUPPLIERS. SUCH COOPERATION AGREEMENT WILL PROVIDE ASSURANCE THAT NUCLEAR MATERIALS ARE ADEQUATELY SAFEGUARDED.

UNDER THE PROVISIONAL CONTRACTS THE AEC WOULD PROVIDE ENRICHING SERVICES FOR URANIUM FUEL FOR ABOUT 2,000 MEGAWATTS (ELECTRICAL) OF NUCLEAR POWER. THE URANIUM, WHICH

WOULD BE FURNISHED BY IRAN, WOULD BE ENRICHED TO A U-235 ISOTOPE CONTENT OF LESS THAN FOUR PERCENT FOR USE IN LIGHT-WATER-COOLED REACTORS.

ESTIMATED COST OF ENRICHING SERVICE IS APPROXIMATELY DOLS 140 MILLION FOR A TEN-YEAR PERIOD. UNQTE

2. PLEASE INFORM US IMMEDIATELY ON SIGNATURE SO THAT PRESS RELEASE CAN BE ISSUED. SISCO

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